

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Management Staff, DDO  
Director of Data Processing  
Director of Communications  
Director of Logistics  
Information Handling Architect

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Deputy Director of Logistics

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SUBJECT: Procurement of Data Processing Equipment  
In support of Project CRAFT [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Memorandum for DDA fm Chief, IMS/DDO,  
dtd 5 May 81, Subject: DDO Field Operational/  
Information Security Program (DO/IMS 81-230,  
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1. We request that the addressees meet with the undersigned and [REDACTED] Acting Deputy Chief, Information Management Staff (IMS), DDO, and such other representatives of your own offices as you determine appropriate, within the next two weeks, to permit us an opportunity to discuss with you alternative means of acquiring data processing equipment in support of Project CRAFT, and to gain from you a consensus on the approach which we should take in doing so.

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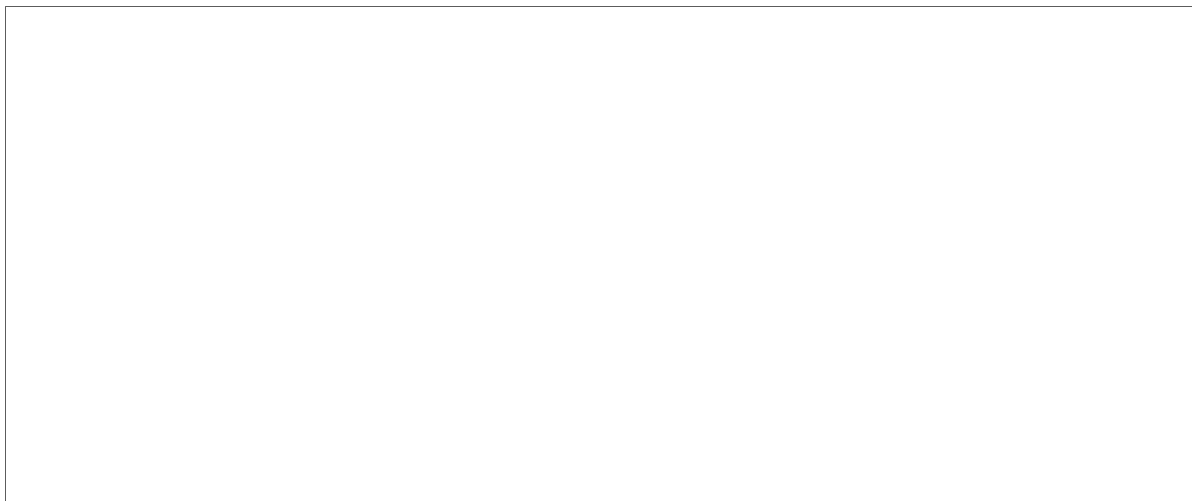
2. The referent (attached) provides a brief description of efforts taken to implement Project CRAFT and concludes with a recommendation concurred in by the Comptroller, the Deputy Director for Administration, and the Acting Deputy Director for Operations, that the Agency establish a sole-source contract with [REDACTED] for such equipment, and that representatives of IMS and the Office of Logistics (OL) prepare the required documentation. In the process of working towards the implementation of this recommendation, a number of questions were raised regarding the sufficiency of the sole-source justification and the impact that this approach might have on some of your plans or policies. Further, based on the premise that the Deputy Directors who concurred in this memorandum were less concerned with how we accomplish this task than that we meet their required time frame, we felt it would be productive to take a final look at the alternatives available to us. There were four alternatives, each of which is discussed in more detail in the attached briefing sheets:

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3. Each of these alternatives has policy implications in terms of our relationships with the Department of State; efforts to ensure maximum competition; efforts by certain Congressional elements to ensure commonality between State and the Agency abroad; Agency efforts towards standardization in the area of data procession both abroad and domestically; and other concerns of unique importance to this Agency such as security, cover, and control. We need your help in sorting out the relative priorities which should be placed on each of these factors. This, in turn, should lead us to the choice of the correct alternative which we will then immediately begin implementing. I believe any of these alternatives can be made to work, depending on which of the factors mentioned above are of most importance to you.



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